

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-14. Canceled.

15. (New) A magnetic information recording medium, comprising a magnetic recording layer formed on a glass substrate made of a glass containing SiO_2 , B_2O_3 and Al_2O_3 as essential components, comprising, by mol%, 40 to 75 % of SiO_2 , 2 to 45 % of a total of B_2O_3 and Al_2O_3 and 0 to 40 % of $\text{R}'_2\text{O}$ in which R' is at least one member selected from the group consisting of Li, Na and K, wherein the total content of SiO_2 , B_2O_3 , Al_2O_3 and $\text{R}'_2\text{O}$ is at least 90 mol%, the glass substrate having no chemical strengthened layer.

16. (New) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in water, of $12 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$ or less.

17. (New) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of -5°C or lower, of $7 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$ or less.

18. (New) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a fragility index value, measured in water, of $12 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$ or less and a fragility index value, measured in an atmosphere having a dew point of -5°C or lower, of $7 \mu\text{m}^{-1/2}$ or less.

19. (New) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a B_2O_3 content of 1 to 25 mol%.

20. (New) The magnetic information recording medium of claim 15, wherein the glass substrate has a B_2O_3 content of 2 to 20 mol%.